

**MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
MEETING
JUNE 17, 2025
MINUTES**

Directors Present: Brandon Bishel
Tim DaSilva
Brian Davis, Vice President
Carl Janzen
David Loquaci, President

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

- T. Greci, General Manager (GM Greci)
- D. Cadenazzi Nolan, Assistant General Manager (AGM Nolan)
- A. Kwock Sandoval, Board Secretary / Executive Assistant
- J. Furstenburg, Controller
- C. Contreras, Operations & Maintenance Manager (OMM Contreras)

Others Present: General Counsel John Kinsey, Wanger Jones Helsley ; Joel Hastings, Water Wrights; Erik Rodriguez, Technical Assistance (SGMA) Community Education Specialist UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program; Vince Petrucci

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

President Loquaci called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the business office of the District at 12152 Road 28 ¼, Madera, California 93637

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Director Davis / Director Janzen to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE:

AYES: Director Bishel, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Closed Session

General Counsel Kinsey reported there were no potential conflicts of interest for Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Closed Session

President Loquaci opened and closed public comment due to no public in attendance.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 1:02 p.m.

1. CLOSED SESSION Closed Session items not concluded prior to Regular Session may be continued at the end of the Regular Session.

- 1a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (2 potential cases)
- 1b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (2 potential cases)
- 1c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9; Petition for the Adjudication of Rights to the Fresno River, before the State Water Resources Control Board
- 1d. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; Madera Irrigation District v. Smith-Adobe Ranch Family Limited Partnership, Case No. MCV081757
- 1e. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; *NRDC v. Rogers*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Sacramento Division), Case No. 88-CV-1658-JAM-GGH
- 1f. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9; Madera Irrigation District v. All State Insurance Company, Case No. MCV090064
- 1g. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54957
Title: Assistant General Manager

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Loquaci called regular session to order at 2:05 p.m. with staff in attendance and the public in attendance.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There were no reportable actions taken during Closed Session. The Board will reconvene to Closed Session for item 1g.

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no potential conflicts of interest noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: MID Groundwater Sustainability Agency & Regular Session

Vince Petrucci commented on May 19, 2025 he noticed there was water in his basement. He stated he had pumped out thousands of gallons of water from his basement. Mr. Petrucci stated he has submitted a claim to the District regarding the leakage as he believes it is coming from the canal. Mr. Petrucci commented the basement continues to be flooded. He stated his family has been farming for over 100 years.

AGM Nolan congratulated Director Davis on his new addition to his family, a baby boy.

RECESS AS MID BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – TIMED ITEM – 2:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors, acting as the Board of Equalization will hear and determine objections to the valuation, acreage, or any other matter pertaining to assessments.

Controller Furstenburg stated the Board of Directors will convene as a Board of Equalization (BOE) pursuant to California Water Code Section 25550 to hear and determine objections to the valuations, acreage, and/or any matter pertaining to assessments. The BOE meetings begin today and end on Friday, June 20, 2025.

The annual unequalized assessment roll was presented to the Board Secretary on Monday, May 19, 2025 as required by the California State Water Code. This roll provides the total assessed value of properties within the Madera Irrigation District boundaries for city, city ag, and rural parcels and is used as a base of the computation of the ad valorem assessment rate for the assessment year. Besides the assessments that are collected annually, the District collects other revenues in the form of crop water tolls, standby fees, and other miscellaneous charges that are allocated in addition to those assessments toward District expenditures such as Transmission and Distribution, General and Administrative, Interest, and Source of Supply expenses.

The approximate assessment revenue based on the unequalized roll for 2026 is \$6,238,838.18, which is shown on “Exhibit A”. This is determined by using the current assessment rates as shown in the staff report. As part of the Board of Equalization process, parcels are updated when new parcel maps are received from the County of Madera. These changes could consist of lot line adjustments, parcel splits, category changes and subdivision changes. Those changes are shown on “Exhibit B”, Listing of Individual Parcel Changes.

“Exhibit C” identifies those parcels partaking in the District’s Non-Irrigated Lands Program.

“Exhibit D” provides the current definitions of the District categories.

“Exhibit E” is informational as it shows the assessment rates for the period 2015 through 2026 and the average increase each year.

Controller Furstenburg stated approval of the assessment rates will occur at the meeting on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. AGM Nolan noted typically there are not any changes on Exhibit A and Exhibit B between today’s Board of Equalization and the Board of Equalization on Friday. No members of the public were in attendance to address the Board of Equalization.

AGM Nolan thanked Controller Furstenburg and her staff for their hard work.

ADJOURN AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & CONVENE AS MID GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILIT AGENCY

- a. Update on MID Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

AGM Nolan reported the District has been working with Stanford University on a grant for monitoring and the grant was funded. AGM Nolan and GM Greci met with the team from Stanford yesterday. The Domestic Well Mitigation Program (DWMP”) discussions are ongoing. There has been some progress, but MID staff are concerned that some GSAs may not participate in the program. AGM Nolan stated it is concerning because people’s wells are going dry and the State could come in if the Madera Subbasin does not have a DWMP.

ADJOURN AS MID GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY & RECONVENE AS MID BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2a. Approval of April 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 2b. Discussion / possible action on approval of warrant list payments through June 9, 2025
- 2c. Discussion / possible action on monthly financial reports for March and April 2025

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director Davis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Loquaci opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Bishel, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci

NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

3. **DEPARTMENT REPORT – DISTRICT OPERATIONS**

OMM Contreras reported on the Kenny Pipeline Extension Project survey has been completed and the design is underway. The crop survey for 2025 has been completed and a comparison is being completed with the County Agriculture Commission data. Engineering staff continues right-of-way mapping and facility mapping updates. The Rubicon representative was on site to address several issues with the Rubicon gates. The 2025 Madera Lake Dam Inspection was completed by the Department of Water Resources. OMM Contreras reviewed the maintenance photos with the Board. Erik Rodriguez questioned how the crop survey was completed. OMM Contreras responded staff goes out to the field and visually looks at the crops. AGM Nolan stated the Bureau of Reclamation has a form that the District uses for the crop survey. AGM Nolan stated we previously asked the landowners for the information when they signed up for water along with the Ag Commissioner data.

4. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 4a. Update of Activities
- Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority
 - Water Season
 - Cancellation of July Regular Board Meeting

GM Greci reported on the Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority. The 980 Plant had to be taken off line due to the vibration. Once the water has been shut off, the issue will be addressed by TCB.

GM Greci reported on the water season. We have been doing well and consuming a lot of water. GM Greci stated we may finish the water season earlier than expected. GM Greci stated we may be able to run approximately 2 weeks into August. There may be additional blocks of water available to MID. GM Greci stated the District continues to have a 100% allocation. There have been issues during the weekends with large drops in demand.

GM Greci stated he participated in the Pistachios Growers event on a panel with Sustainable Conservation. The MID outreach video will be played prior to the Movies in the Park event hosted by the City of Madera. AGM Nolan stated it will be nice for residents of the City to see the District's outreach video since the City lies within the MID boundary.

Secretary Sandoval noted the District will participate in the Madera Fair this year. GM Greci noted the July Regular Board Meeting will be cancelled and if needed a Special Meeting will be held.

GM Greci reported the RFP was rescinded for architectural services. There were a significant number of questions. There will be a RFQ instead.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- 5a. Discussion / possible action on placing nomination of Brian Davis as a member of the Association of California Water Agencies (“ACWA”) Region 6 Board of Directors, Resolution No. 2025-12

MOTION: Director Janzen / Director DaSilva to approve the nomination of Brian Davis as a member of the Association of California Water Agencies Region 6 Board of Directors, Resolution No. 2025-12.

DISCUSSION: Director Janzen stated Brian has done an excellent job representing the District and the region on the ACWA Region 6 Board of Directors. It is a great way for us to be involved. Director Davis has been on the ACWA Region 6 Board since 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Loquaci opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE: ROLL CALL

AYES: Directors Bishel, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

- 5b. Discussion / possible action on Association of California Water Agencies designation of Voting Representatives

MOTION: Director Davis / Director Janzen to designate Director Janzen as voting representative for ACWA.

DISCUSSION: Director Janzen stated this designates who gets to vote for the President and Vice President of ACWA that comes up for election for a two year term. The elections were changed last year; and a ballot will be sent out in September. Previously, the elections were held at the ACWA Conference. Director Davis stated the District’s designee is usually Director Janzen.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President Loquaci opened public comment and closed public comment due to no comments from the public in attendance.

VOTE:

AYES: Directors Bishel, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

6. DIRECTOR REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Bishel – nothing to report

Director DaSilva – nothing to report

Director Davis stated it looks like we are running a lot of water out there and he sees a lot of repairs being made.

Director Janzen reported on the Friant Power Authority, the ACWA Region 4 event, and Friant Water Authority. Director Janzen reported on the ACWA JPIA Committee meetings and the ACWA Spring Conference.

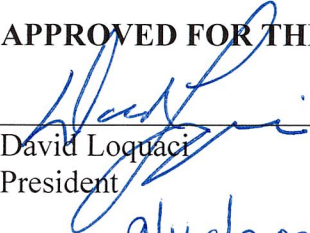
Director Loquaci reported he attended the Madera County GSA meeting. The County has given up on any projects and trying to focus on domestic well mitigation.

The Board reconvened to Closed Session at 3:10 p.m. after a short break for item 1g.

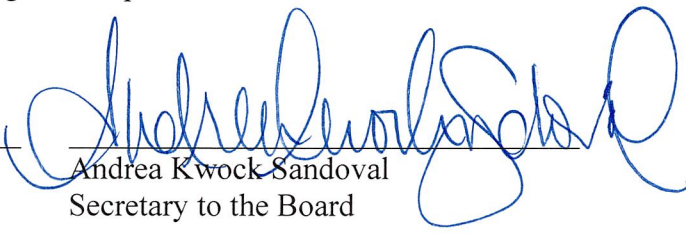
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Loquaci adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED FOR THE BOARD:



David Loquaci
President



Andrea Kwock Sandoval
Secretary to the Board

Date: 9/16/2025



JUNE 17, 2025
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PLACING IN NOMINATION BRIAN DAVIS AS A MEMBER OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District (“District”), at a regular meeting duly called and held on June 17, 2025 at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of the District does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (“ACWA”); and

WHEREAS, Brian Davis is currently serving as Director for ACWA Region 6; and

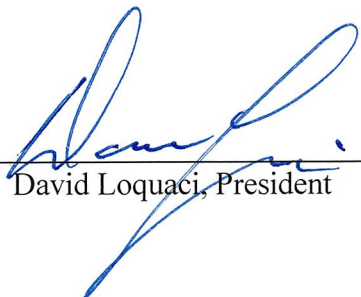
WHEREAS, Brian Davis has indicated a desire to continue to serve as a Director of ACWA Region 6; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct and that the Board of Directors does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of Brian Davis for Director of ACWA Region 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of Brian Davis in ACWA Region 6 shall be borne by the District.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 17th day of June 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Director Bishel, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Loquaci
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



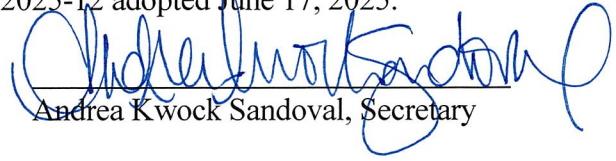
David Loquaci, President

ATTEST: 

Brian Davis, Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-12 adopted June 17, 2025.


Andrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary

